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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING SAFETY DURING
EXPOSURE TO A MONOCHROMATIC LIGHT SOURCE
Examiner: Jerry T. Rahll
Art Unit: 2874

Request for New Office Action

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

On July 28, 2005 and in response to a restriction requirement, we elected to prosecute Group I of claims 1-26 and 36-81.

In response to that election requirement, the U.S. patent and trademark office sent on December 15, 2005 an office action that (A) rejected claims 1-5, 7-19, 21-24, 35-40, 42-56, 59-70, 73-74, and 79-81; (B) objected to claims 6, 20, 41, 57, 58, 71, 72, 75-78 and 80; and (C) deemed claims 25-35 and 82-92 withdrawn. The applicant did not withdraw claims 25 and 26 as clearly set forth in the election of Group I.

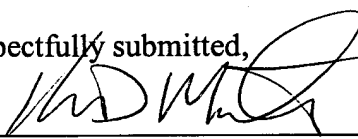
On December 28, 2005, we telephoned examiner Rahll. According to our notes which we forwarded to our client the same day, examiner Rahll indicated he would send us a new office action by the end of that week to address the confusion about claims 25 and 26.

In addition to addressing claims 25 and 26, examiner Rahll expressed that he would also consider the IDS that was submitted on December 12, 2005.

We respectfully look forward to receiving a new office action pursuant to examiner Rahll's instructions.

Date: 1/12/06

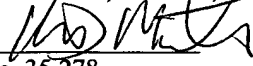
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